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Jim Cuddy performs as a part of a trio with Colin Cripps on guitar and Anne Lindsay on violin, at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre on Aug. 20 during the 10th annual Forest Festival. See more coverage on p. 31. *Photo by Emily Stonehouse.*

Camps pump millions into local economy

By **Lisa Gervais**

Thousands of summer campers have made lifelong memories once again in Haliburton County. And, despite a rainy 2017, the economic impact of this quintessential highlands activity remains unqualified, but no doubt high.

Neither Haliburton County's tourism arm, the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce or the Haliburton County Development Corporation, have numbers

on what this industry does for our area. But, speaking to just three camps, reveals that millions of dollars likely change hands every year, whether it's staff jobs, campers' fees, or money spent on goods and services locally.

"Money pumped into the economy is difficult to gauge," says Adam Kronick, director of Camp White Pine since 1987. "If you include wages paid to local people who work here, money paid by camps to local

suppliers including bus lines, money spent by staff in town, money spent by visitors at hotels, it would be well over \$1 million."

He qualifies that by saying that would be from the spring to the fall, not just summer. And that is just for one camp, off of Highway 118 West, between Haliburton and Carnarvon.

"Camps have been a large and growing part of the industry and economy in Haliburton for over 60 years," Kronick,

who co-manages the camp with Dana Zosky, adds.

Figuring out how much money they bring in is tricky. And, expensive, says Autumn Wilson, chamber manager.

"Unfortunately, no, we don't have the numbers on their impact," she says. "Those studies have typically been out of our reach because of the cost to get a proper study done."

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Difficult to determine economic impact

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She says she's been doing some research to find out how they can get numbers more easily, but usually it means taking regional data, which isn't just Haliburton County. It will typically include City of Kawartha Lakes or Peterborough.

"That doesn't always give us an accurate view of the local impact," she says.

Anecdotal, though, camps are a major economic driver. Bruce Dunning is the executive director of Medeba in West Guildford, which just invested \$1 million in a new building called Mountain Lodge that was officially opened in July.

For just summer alone, he cites fees from campers of approximately \$500,000, another \$100,000 for summer jobs and an unknown tally for parents and staff shopping locally.

Besides the economic value, the impact that summer camping has in the lives of young people, campers and staff, is immense and life-changing.

Bruce Dunning
Medeba

And, that's just part of the picture. They operate year-round with a 10-month leadership school of a dozen people. They've done that for 24 years, and also have school groups and group rentals, so the dollar figures grow exponentially over the course of a year.

At YMCA Camp Wanakita this summer, for example, there were 1,657 overnight campers, 400 day campers and 1,700 family campers.

"Camp was full across the board in all sessions," says general manager Andy Gruppe.

Like the others, he has a hard time extracting summer numbers from year-round totals.

"We have a year-round, four-season team of 22 staff that resides full-time in Haliburton County. Over the course of 12 months, we employ an additional 235 seasonal contracts. Every seasonal and full-time staff, as well, spend their time and money, in the Haliburton community on time off. In terms of year-round operations, local contractors, sub trades, vendors, etc. whenever possible are sourced locally."

Gruppe added that many out-of-town campers and staff spend a night or two on either end of their stay in local accommodation. They also eat at restaurants, buy food and souvenirs.

"Our day camp is mainly populated by Haliburton County residents who reside in the area and spend all of their hard-earned money locally. Many former campers and staff end up back in Haliburton County as cottage and vacation property owners."

The long-term relationship that forms when a young out-of-town camper comes to experience Haliburton County for the first time is also not quantifiable but clearly impactful.

Despite the rain, Gruppe says "kids are still having the time of their lives. All activities ran as usual, other than a few hours here and there of thunder and lightning that kept us off the water."

Medeba's summer numbers were up.

"Besides the economic value, the impact that summer camping has in the lives of young people, campers and staff, is immense and life-changing," says Dunning. "That's why we do what we do."

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Haliburton got top marks for its presentation, but lost some points for its confusing branding and lack of night life, according to the results of a recent community exchange program with the Township of Georgian Bay. *File photo.*

Dysart 'well-manicured' but lacks identity: FICE

Reeve says some criticism around branding confusion expected

By Alex Coop

Haliburton got top marks for its presentation, but lost some for its confusing branding and lack of night life, according to the results of a recent community exchange program with the Township of Georgian Bay.

Ten volunteers from the Township of Georgian Bay, ranging from students to business owners, visited Haliburton July 27 as part of the First Impressions Community Exchange (FICE) program.

Lynn Racicot, the township's communications and economic development officer, said volunteers quickly described Haliburton as a "well-manicured" community with a unique mix of retail and public spaces.

But they also had trouble getting here due to a lack of signage and confusing branding that overlapped with Haliburton County's.

"Participants found it hard to distinguish the difference between the county and the Municipality of Dysart," Racicot told councillors Aug. 21.

Dysart's website was informative, Racicot added, but most participants found it aesthetically outdated and unappealing, including its social media pages.

A lack of reliable Internet connectivity and cell service, in addition to challenges with youth retention – volunteers spoke to various young families and business owners during their visit – were also noted in the final report.

But community pride in Haliburton was palpable, said Racicot, with its emphasis on history, culture and outdoor activities.

The Sculpture Forest, Head Lake Park and the lookout point were labelled as the township's top recreational venues.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said a lot of the feedback was predictable, specifically when it came to branding.

"I do get that it's not as good as it could be. Perhaps we need to do some type of study ... try to separate ourselves from the

county and its branding and focus more on ourselves," he said after the presentation.

Fearrey said he wasn't sure if there was a business case for bars to be open late, but maintained there was plenty of entertainment, especially during the summer, for people of all ages.

The lack of signage has been brought up by visitors and residents in the past, Fearrey added, but some residents have also complained about "sign pollution" when more were installed.

He told Racicot that the municipality continues to work with other levels of government to improve cell and Internet service.

Heather Candler, an agriculture and rural economic development advisor for the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, told council at the meeting it was difficult to find a matching community for Haliburton.

"Trying to match you with a community that was a similar size, that was far enough away, took a while," she said.

Dysart was a good match for Georgian Bay because of their fluctuations in seasonal resident populations, Racicot told *The Highlander* in a previous interview.

The Township of Georgian Bay has a permanent population of 2,500.

The feedback will help the municipality prioritize some of its goals for the future, said Tamara Wilbee, Dysart's chief administrative officer.

Participants noted a few "quick wins" for Haliburton; ways the municipality could quickly improve certain aspects of the community. They included increased signage, more public waste bins, the installation of dedicated bike lanes, better crosswalks and an improved online presence.

Dysart's own team of nine visited the Township of Georgian Bay mid-August. Representatives will visit the Township of Georgian Bay later this year to present their findings to that council.

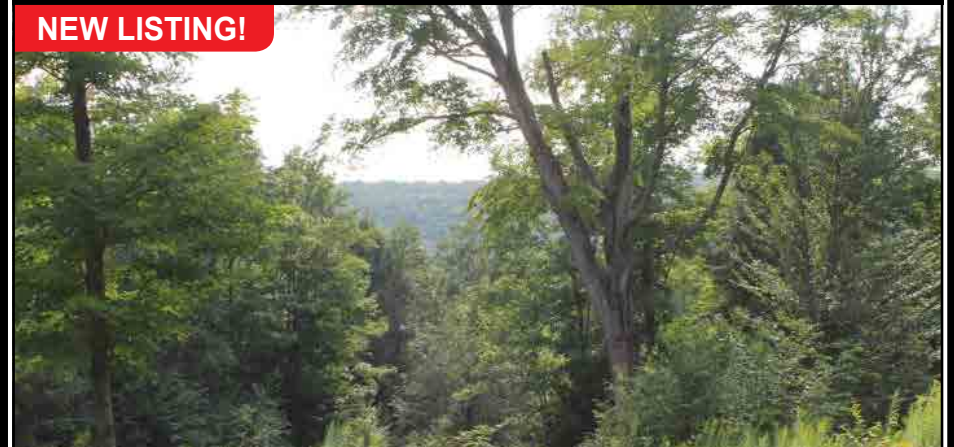
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Councillors push for help with flooding

By Lisa Gervais

In the wake of spring flooding across the county, six local politicians brought their request for help, from both the provincial and federal governments, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference in Ottawa recently.

County Warden and Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin attended the conference with Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, Minden Hills councillors Pam Sayne and Ron Nesbitt and AH councillor Liz Danielson.

Devolin said they made delegations to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

Top of the local list was help with flooding, which seems to be the new norm, according to the councillors.

Devolin said to get money for things such as studies, flood mapping, and infrastructure and mitigation measures, requests must go to the Federal Natural Disaster Mitigation Program. However, the province gets the first look before applications go to the feds for a final decision.

"All three levels of government are going to be involved on a perpetual basis," Devolin said. "Flooding, climate change, weather patterns ... we need infrastructure money to deal with it."

As a first step, as outlined in a written report to the MNRF and MOECC at AMO, the county has made an application to the program for 50 per cent funding of Digital Terrain Model (DTM) mapping of the Gull and Burnt River watersheds to be used for risk assessments, flood mapping, mitigation planning and prevention.

"We are seeking MNRF and MOECC support for the UTWMP (Upper Trent Watershed Management Partnership) and its initiatives," a written report to the convention states. We respectfully request the active engagement of both MNRF and MOECC with Parks Canada and other stakeholders across the entire Trent River watershed for integrated and balanced water management planning in the face of our changing climate. We respectfully request that an appropriate ministry staff be assigned to the file. Our aquatic resources, infrastructure, property values and economies rely on it."

Devolin said they were also able to meet with the senior policy advisor to federal Environment Minister Catherine McKenna.

"So, we were successful, and I would say well received, by both the provincial ministers and at the federal minister's office. Obviously, we have a stake in this ... we need to do something going forward. We asked for their support and I'm reasonably hopeful. We went well-armed, were well-received and told we're ahead of the curve and actually have a plan other

than just crying 'woe is me, woe is me and we need some money'."

Devolin said they're now waiting for approval under the program and "hopefully, we'll find out before the year's out."

In other AMO news, he said Premier Kathleen Wynne outright rejected a one per cent solution to the nearly \$5 billion infrastructure gap in Ontario. The AMO-

recommend solution was Ontario raising the provincial portion of the harmonized sales tax by one per cent to bridge the gap. Devolin said there'd also been some provincial softening in the areas of joint and several liability and interest arbitration.

"It was a good productive convention. We'll see where it takes us."

Radio listeners pitch in for health care



Moose FM on-air personality Rick Lowes chats with HHHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins during a commercial break during the HHHHSF radiothon Aug. 17-18. A total of \$22,000 was raised for ultrasound equipment. Photo by Mark Arike.

Boy dies in boating accident

A 13-year-old boy from Port Colborne has died from his injuries following a serious boating incident Aug. 16 in Highlands East, according to Haliburton Highlands OPP.

The boy was airlifted to a Toronto hospital with life-threatening injuries after the accident on Clement Lake, police say.

The local detachment is still investigating. Anyone with information is asked to contact the detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

Complaint leads to charges

Haliburton Highlands OPP responded to a traffic complaint on Bobcaygeon Road in

Minden Hills and arrested a 26-year-old woman for impaired driving.

Leanne Weber of Minden Hills was charged with driving while impaired, failing or refusing to provide a breath sample and being intoxicated in a public place.

Weber is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden Oct. 4.

Her driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and the vehicle she was driving was impounded for seven days.

Police are reminding motorists that there is no safe amount of alcohol consumption when driving. Anyone who suspects a driver that is driving while impaired is urged to call police by dialing 9-1-1 immediately.

Charges laid in car crash

A 20-year-old from Haldiman County was charged with impaired driving and assaulting a peace officer after police found his vehicle in the ditch Aug. 16.

Haliburton Highlands OPP, along with Haliburton County Paramedic Services and Algonquin Highlands Fire Department, responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Highway 35 in Algonquin Highlands shortly after 1:15 a.m.

Police found a blue Honda Civic in the east ditch, and after speaking with the male driver, Isaiah Riewald, they determined he was under the influence of drugs.

Riewald was charged with driving a

motor vehicle while impaired by a drug and assaulting a peace officer. He was also charged with one count of assault.

Const. Dianna Dauphinee told The Highlander she couldn't provide information about the assault charge as it "pertains to evidence and the case is now before the court."

Riewald is scheduled to make an appearance before the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden Sept. 6.

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OPP in brief

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Biochar facility goes to OMB

By Alex Coop

Drag Lake residents and experts will address an Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearing Aug. 29-31, where they'll oppose Dysart's decision to grant a zoning amendment for a wood-processing project on Kennaway Road.

The planned 13,000 square-foot building, which Haliburton Forest introduced to the public last November, will have a large chamber that will convert purchased sawdust into biochar using pyrolysis (high temperature burning without oxygen).

The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. next Tuesday at the Dysart council chambers.

But the proposal, specifically its successful application for a zoning bylaw amendment, hasn't been sitting well with some Drag Lake residents who have fiercely opposed the amendment since it was passed by Dysart council in February.

"One of our arguments is that the zoning bylaw is contrary to [Dysart's] official plan, which is a big one," said appellant Laurie Wheeler.

The OMB case is only related to the location of the facility, not the existence of the facility itself.

Malcolm Cockwell
Haliburton Forest

Part of the property is already zoned for general industrial uses and would permit the proposed biochar plant.

But Haliburton Forest Biochar (HFB) - an industrial start-

up jointly owned by Haliburton Forest and the Beamish Family, who are the owners of Woodbridge Foam Corporation - want to build the facility on the southern part of the property, further from the road.

"And therefore out of public view," said Malcolm Cockwell, managing director of Haliburton Forest in a witness statement obtained by The Highlander.

"Even though Haliburton Forest was able to proceed with the construction on the northern portion of the site ... which was already zoned as general industrial, Haliburton Forest accepted the advice of the Municipality of Dysart, and proceeded with a zoning bylaw amendment application in order to ensure that its facility would be further away from the public road," the statement reads.

Cockwell said building to the south will ensure an "efficient process flow" on the 20-acre site.

But land-use planning expert Allan Ramsay, who was retained by the appellants, maintains there hasn't been

enough information presented by HFB that would prove the zoning amendment will "not create land-use conflicts with existing nearby permitted sensitive land uses."

"No assessment of air quality/odour, noise or light pollution impacts has been presented with the zoning application," Ramsay said in his witness statement.

Environmental Compliance Approvals (ECA) for air and noise are being reviewed by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), said Nina Shock, HFB project manager, during public meetings and previous interviews with The Highlander. If they don't satisfy the MOECC, the project will not go forward. Cockwell said they expect to have full approvals by mid-September.

"Other than the ECA and some related approvals, nothing else is required to move forward with the project," he told The Highlander. "The OMB case is only related to the location of the facility, not the existence of the facility itself."

Residents have rallied around the appellants by raising money for legal fees and retaining experts, said Wheeler, one of the four people who filed an appeal in April.

"We've received a significant amount of support," she said.

The facility, when completed, will initially create five full-time jobs, said Cockwell, including a project manager, two engineers, and two operators. That number could climb to 20.

"These will be year-round, good paying jobs based on green technology," he said.

The appellants have also raised concerns about the facility's potential to operate 24/7, but Cockwell said it's not the company's intention to have it run that much during the start-up phase.

"It is something that may or may not happen down the road, and there would always be someone on site during operations. Whether we run the facility during the day or night, there are strict rules in place with respect to lighting, noise, etc."

OMB hearings in the municipality don't happen often, said Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, adding the MOECC approvals will be critical to the project's ability to move forward.

"I think council has done a reasonable job emphasizing the MOECC approvals," he said.

HFB has received funding from the Collaborative Economic Development Project and the Haliburton Community Development Corporation in 2016, according to Cockwell.

"More recently, the Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy approved a substantial grant to assist with the overall advancement of HFB," he said.



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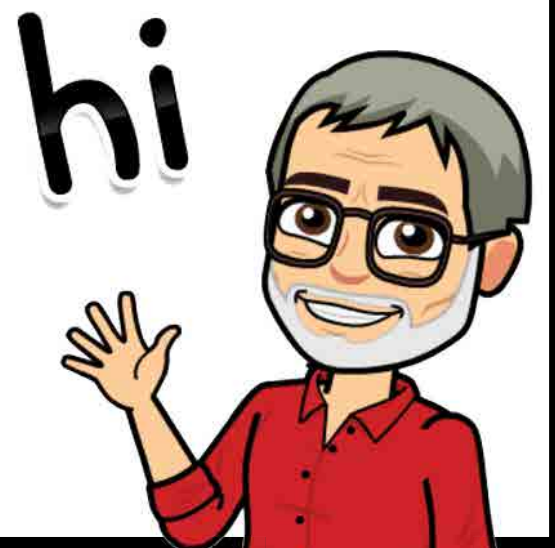
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Time to crunch the camp numbers



By Lisa Gervais

A new report has found that the youth summer camp industry in America's northeast has a direct economic impact of \$3.2 billion.

Massachusetts alone has 1,410 summer camps that pump \$545 million into that state's economy.

The report, released in June, was done by consulting economist Charles Lewton, Ph.D. on behalf of the American Camp Association, Northeast Region. It was for Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

All up, there are more than 6,000 licensed camp programs in the Northeast states that employ almost 175,000 people seasonally and 10,000 full-time.

While the number of youth camps in Haliburton County doesn't come anywhere near those figures, they do have a major economic impact on our economy.

Unfortunately, there are no studies to back that up. The County of Haliburton has not researched it. The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce has not researched it and the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) has not researched it.

Chamber manager Autumn Wilson says it

would be expensive, and difficult to carve local numbers from regional numbers. However, it's on her to-do list.

Anecdotally, we know they have a major impact after talking to Camp Medeba, Camp White Pine, YMCA Camp Wanakita and Camp Timberlane over the past week.

First, there's employment. Each of these camps has both full-time and seasonal employees that are paid a good wage.

Camp White Pine tells us it has 200 staff in summer. Camp Medeba says it pays about \$100,000 in summer wages. Their year-round leadership school employs a dozen people. Wanakita has a year-round staff of 22.

Then there's spending on goods and services, such as food, supplies, fuel, marketing, banking, maintenance and repairs.

Camp White Pine tells us that if you include wages and money spent in town by employees, money paid to local suppliers, including bus lines, drop-off, pick-up, visitor day accommodation, food and souvenirs – "it would be well over \$1 million-a-year."

Medeba tells us they purchase most things locally. Wanakita said they have an additional 235 seasonal contracts on top of

their regular staff.

All of them talk about camps as tourist destinations. There are often family trips surrounding those drop-offs, pick-ups, visitor days and prospective camp visits.

Medeba figures it makes half-a-million-dollars alone on camping fees in summer.

It's pretty easy to conclude that the camps pump millions of dollars into the local economy.

Just how many millions is the, pardon the pun, million-dollar question. We encourage the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce to try to undertake this study.

However, if they limit it to chamber members only, it will be incomplete. It would be good if the chamber manager could get a little help from the County of Haliburton or the HCDC to provide a more complete picture.

It's something we should know. It's something we should be proud of. And it's something that we can use in our marketing campaigns to attract even more people to the Highlands in future.

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One last summer



By Anabelle Craig

Summer is a time when people, mainly kids, are free to run around to their heart's content. From camping, cottaging, laying in the grass slurping watermelon, jumping off a bridge into a cool, refreshing lake to cruising the town on your bike or going away to week-long sleepover camp.

For me, this summer has been a whirlwind of jam-packed fun, games, family and adventure. I've tried new things and redone old things, met new and amazing people and visited old friends. I've gone on trips and swam until my fingers and toes shriveled.

Imagine if you could go back in time and have one last summer to do all your favourite things with all of your favourite people. A carefree summer filled with sunny days and an endless freezer of popsicles.

The rules are quite simple: 1) Don't worry about school or work (unless you want to), 2) A kid's salary of \$5 per week 3) No fear of tummy aches to hold you back and finally 4) You don't have to be

home until the streetlights come on.

Now that it's your official "one last summer" and you can do whatever you want, what is the first thing you would do? Would you do something that you had never done before or something that you did when you were a kid and you miss?

Over the past couple of weeks, I've asked some adults in my life what they would do if they were 10 years old again. Funny thing was every one of them had an adorable, dorky faraway look in their eyes when I asked them, a wistful smile of those dog days of summer.

The most common answer was spend all day swimming, be it lake or pool or running through the sprinkler if the other two were unavailable. Some said they had fond memories of cleaning their parent's car in their bathing suits and if they were lucky enough to get a few dollars for the chore, spending that on ice cream at the local parlour. Lemonade stands were another way of making a few bucks while sitting with friends on a hot day, and by

evening enjoying a game of Manhunt until the sun went down.

But for some, those activities weren't the first to come to mind. Some said they would love to spend one last summer filled with catching frogs, exploring nature, camping on the lake and building a fort in the woods.

I noticed with tenderness that the answers I was given were all so relaxing. They all had a sense of calmness and nostalgia that I almost long for. How is that? No one remembered or wanted expensive things or trips to faraway places. No technology or all-day watching television. It was hanging with friends and chillin' in the hot sun was all that mattered. What would you do? I hope when I look back on my childhood summers, I will remember with fondness a summer of blissfully doing nothing.

Correction

On page 22 of the Aug. 17 edition of *The Highlander*, the article "Still not enough supply to meet buyer demand" incorrectly stated that statistics from The Lakelands Association of Realtors included Haliburton, Muskoka and Orillia. The sales numbers were for Haliburton County only. *The Highlander* regrets the error.



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Editorial opinion

Eye on the street: What is your favourite part of the Forest Festival?



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Great performers, fantastic venue.



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Toronto
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Photos and interviews by Emily Stonehouse

Mental health and counselling services:

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



This photo of a heron was taken in Carnarvon by Lorne Dehaas. Submitted.

A bolt from the blue

I came to a stunning realization the other day, a mind-blowing revelation; one that not many of you will believe, most of you will snicker at, but some of you will secretly know is the truth. I'm going to tell you what it is, not without fear of scorn, but sturdy in the knowledge that such deep, philosophical idealisms need to be shared, even at the persecution of the originator, if our world is ever to become a better place.
But, first, let me set the scene.
It was a beautiful early morning; the sun not quite risen, the mist dancing slowly across the surface of the lake. A loon called and overhead, the soft whistle of a duck's wings could be heard as it flew by. The only sounds were nature, the only smells natural. Everything was perfect.
Except for one thing.
For some unknown reason, I had woken in a bad mood. From the moment I

opened my eyes, I felt grumpy, so grumpy in fact that I even debated not going fishing on this glorious morning but that would have been plain ridiculous and so off I went to a nearby spot and launched my canoe.
The surface of the water was like glass as I cut through it with my paddle. I should have been reveling in the beauty of the scene that surrounded me, while mentally sorting through my tackle box for the perfect lure. I wasn't though. I was paddling amidst a cloud of gloom, all of my own making and for the life of me I couldn't glide out from under it.
Eventually, I stopped paddling, absentmindedly threw on a lure and started to fish. Almost immediately I got hung up on a sunken log. I jerked my rod too hard and the line broke.
Bugger.
I retied and cast again. Nothing. No

bites, no nibbles or knocks, no sign of fish at all. And that's how it went, on a lake that I fish regularly and which almost always obliges with a fish or two. I paddled and fished, fished and paddled, my mood ever worsening.
And that's when I had my startling moment of clarity that I have to share.
Fish can read minds.
Yep, that's right, those scaly, slippery little suckers have got some serious telepathic powers and they could sense the gloom that I had spread around me.
Now, I can sense some doubt in your minds. Well, I can't, I'm not a fish! But I am guessing that you're shaking your head at the moment and so let me expand upon my theory.
Water is a conductor, right. So is the carbon fibre of a fishing rod. Link the two of them with mono-filament line and cast a lure into the depths and the negativity

from my body is being channeled directly down that line into the realm of the fish. Now, add to this the sensory organ that fish have called a lateral line and bingo, those darn fish were honing in on my bad mood and steering well clear of my bait.
Damn it.
I fished for two hours. I caught nothing. As I paddled back to shore, a small boy stood fishing happily on the dock. He waved at me and smiled as I clambered out of my boat. I ignored him and stalked off.
Just as I got into my truck, I heard a joyful shout: "Wahoo! mum, dad, come quick I've got a big one."
Told you.

The Outsider



By Will Jones

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A participant in this past weekend's CampNL demonstrates how to drive a jeep down a sharp, rocky decline. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Jeepers take on Highlands off-road trails

South Wind Motel, just south of Minden, hosted its CampNL weekend Aug. 18-20, drawing jeep enthusiasts from far and wide. They hit the motel's trails as well as others in the county, such as the towerline on Friday.

While driving along with Chris Vandenthillart of Millbrook, he explains that he drops the pounds per square inch on his tires to about eight, from 25. He also disconnects the sway bar, hits the 4L gear and advises not to use the clutch in water.

"I do a lot of these weekends and this is one of my

favourites," he tells *The Highlander*. He adds the event provides "nice" revenue to the town of Minden.

We come to a rocky hill and each of the jeepers has a go at descending it as Vandenthillart calls out "a little more passenger" to get them to steer more towards the passenger side of the rock cut. They all make it and head through a deep pool of water as they continue a full-day trip.

Back on the grounds of South Wind Motel, a tent city was erected with night-time entertainment, including a band, to celebrate another fine jeep weekend. (Lisa Gervais).

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Nomination forms can be found on our website at
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Submission deadline is October 31st at 12:00pm.

Highlander business



Point in Time program manager Dan Bajorek, left, and other staff pose with backpacks that were delivered to their office by Bell employees Jim Winn, second from left, and Liz Boxall, kneeling. Photo by Mark Arike.

Bell's Backpacks for Kids program sees drop in donations

By Mark Arike

Sixty students in Haliburton County will have one less thing to worry about when they go back to school next month.

That's because they will get a brand new backpack full of supplies through the Backpacks for Kids program, a Bell charity project. Bell employees Liz Boxall and Jim Winn delivered the bags to Point In Time on Aug. 10.

Bell bought and donated the bags while local sponsors contributed about \$1,300 to fill them. This is about half the amount raised last year, when 115 bags were distributed.

Rhonda Cooper, owner of Needful Things in Haliburton, supplies items such as pencils, pens and paper at a discounted price and packs the bags with the help of family. Point in Time gives them to families in need.

"It's a huge help for families," said Dan Bajorek, program manager for Point in Time. "School expenses are huge. Families deeply appreciate it."

Both elementary and high school students will benefit, said Bajorek. Many are clients of Point in Time, an organization that provides a wide range of services to children, youth and families.

Cooper has been part of the program for 10 of the last 11 years.

"I jumped on-board," she said in an interview. "Why not? It's a great cause."

Her business donates to events in the community, but Backpacks for Kids is at the top of her list.

"As long as they continue it, I'm on-board," she said.

A total of 800 local students will have received a backpack since the program began in the county. Across the country, 91,000 bags and supplies have been distributed to kids.

This year's sponsors included volunteer fire departments in Highlands East and Minden Hills, WRD Cottage Rental Agency, Point in Time, Bell employees and family members, and Bank of Montreal staff.



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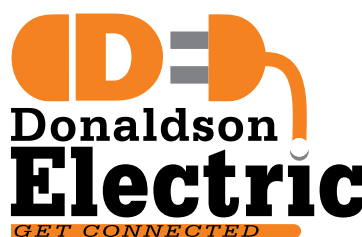


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The post-performance panel discusses ideas for hope and reconciliation in Canada. Photo by Emily Stonehouse.

HOS works towards a more inclusive future

By Emily Stonehouse

Rewriting history can be challenging, but focusing on change and reconciliation is a step in the right direction.

On Aug. 19, composer Andrew Balfour and the Highlands Opera Studio (HOS) presented Mishaabooz's Realm, a workshop performance, to a sold out crowd at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion.

The evening featured a video excerpt from Balfour's previous work, titled "Wa Wa Tey Wak" before running seamlessly into three acts of Mishaabooz's Realm. The acts represented three different stages of Indigenous presence in Canada, starting with creation and early first questions, then leading into colonial chaos before concluding with songs of hope and reconciliation for the future.

After the performance, HOS hosted a panel discussion, outlining creative cross-cultural collaboration in the 21st Century. The panel featured Balfour and HOS general director Valerie Kuinka, as well as artistic director Richard Margison, Chantal Lambert, the director of L'Atelier Lyrique de L'Opera de Montreal, Sara Roque, Aboriginal Arts Office of the Ontario Arts Council, as well as performers Louise-Andree Baril, Adanya Dunn, and Samuel Chan.

The group discussed the importance of using the arts to help with present and future reconciliation while highlighting the challenges of the past. The panel then opened the floor to members of the audience, who unanimously shared their expressions of awe while brainstorming solutions of inclusiveness.

The full performance is set to return to Haliburton Dec. 21-22, yet the audience and members of the public are encouraged to continue the discussion of reconciliation by joining a newsletter and seeing updates at highlandsoperastudio.com.

To wrap up this season's opera performances, HOS presents Cosi Fan Tutti, a romantic comedy by Mozart, Aug. 27 at 2 p.m., and Aug. 29-31 at 7:30 pm. Tickets available at highlandsoperastudio.com.

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Opera celebrates Canada's 150th

St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton hosted the Highlands Opera Studio's "Celebrations! Canada 150" performance Aug. 16. This was the opera studio's third concert this summer. Pictured left: From left: Samuel Chan, baritone, and Tonatiah Abrego, tenor, perform the Waltz Duet. Right: Adanya Dunn, soprano, performs She's Like the Swallow, a Newfoundland folk song. *Photos by Alex Coop.*



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Highlander people

Calling all cat angels in Minden Hills

By Lisa Gervais

Don Kerr cuddles a white and grey kitten named Siberian, and it looks lovingly up at him.

The cat is a rescue, one of four kittens and 17 adult cats currently at Kerr's property just outside of Minden.

Since moving to the outskirts of town nearly three years ago, Kerr and his Minden Cat Angel volunteers have rescued well over 40 cats. In 2016, 18 of them were adopted. Kerr wishes they all could be.

As he stands in front of a cat shelter, that used to be a hen house until extensive cat-friendly renovations were done, he says "I'm not trying to give them a lifetime home."

The Minden Cat Angels have been cleaning up Minden's feral cat population for years now. The felines are vet-checked, vaccinated, spayed and neutered and then put up for adoption.

To Kerr's knowledge, they have successfully trapped all of the strays in downtown Minden. But, it is a never-ending task as irresponsible pet owners fail to have their cats spayed and neutered or simply dump them somewhere when not wanted. Since a single female cat and her offspring can produce 225 kittens in just two years, it is worrisome.

At noon on a weekday, most of the cats are sprawled and sleeping, or watching the chipmunks that scurry to take peanuts Kerr has dropped for them. Deer also feed nearby, giving the cats more wildlife to watch.

Although they have come from the mean streets, Kerr said he can pat half-a-dozen of the cats now, as they have become socialized to be fairly affectionate.

"There has never been a fight among any of the cats in the two separate areas of the shelter which allows them to move freely from inside to a confined multi-perched area outside. All are learning to trust



Don Kerr cuddles a kitten at The Minden Cat Angels while its siblings look on. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

and play again and have formed a happy community, each with their own unique personalities," Kerr says. And, of course, they've all been named.

He said the reason there are no fights is they have almost formed a colony of their own. He tells potential adopters they may not be cuddly at first but in time they will grow to show their affection to their new owners.

Kerr and volunteers feed, water and socialize the animals.

It costs about \$200-a-month to run the shelter in summer. That doubles to \$400-a-month in winter with the need for heat. There is an oil heater now but they

are switching to propane this winter. Kerr said they have benefited from generous donations of food and money and volunteer time. They are always looking for more volunteers though. They could also use donated wet cat food.

But the main ask is for people looking to adopt a cat or kitten.

"We have to find homes for more cats. Last year we placed almost 10 cats in the fall. The shelter is pretty much maxed out." And, more calls are coming in from people wanting to drop off cats.

He said they will adopt them out as barn cats as long as the person taking them promises shelter and a supplemental food

supply to whatever they're hunting.

Kerr recently adopted one of the strays himself but now has five of his own housecats. He is also maxed out.

A member of the field naturalists, with diversified interests, helping cats is just one of Kerr's many hats.

"I have a heart for cats. I have a heart for all animals, really. I believe strongly in animal rights and this is one contribution that I can make."

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Canning Lake celebrates annual fun day

On Aug. 5, Canning Lake hosted its annual fun day at the Ingoldsby Baseball Park. The event has been running for more than 40 years, and despite the drizzle, more than 70 people joined in the fun. The day was organized by the secretary of the Canning Lake board of directors, Janice Rose. Rose said her goal is to bring area people together, to make new friends. "We have a wonderful community on Canning Lake," said Rose. "Our association's events provide [an opportunity for] all of our members to socialize, meet new people, and have fun." Rose attributed the day's success to volunteers who assisted her along the way. *Photo submitted by Janice Rose. (Emily Stonehouse).*

Boat parade of lights

On Aug. 6, the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners' Association held its annual boat parade of lights. Spearheaded by long-time cottager Kathy Donaldson four years ago, the event has gained in popularity each season. Boat owners decorate their craft to impress and each year outdo themselves. As the boats cruise around the perimeter of the lake, spectators on the shore, often around campfires, join in the celebration, hollering encouragement, waving flashlights and this year even singing O Canada. Also for the first time, fireworks were ignited at one cottage as the boats passed by. Many thanks go to the participants and enthusiastic folks on shore for making this a highlight of the holiday weekend. *Photo submitted by Randy Ward. (Lisa Gervais).*



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Fun on Soyers Lake

The Soyers Lake Cottage Association held its Celebrating Canada 150 event on Aug. 19. People gathered for a corn roast, water races, barbecue and land games. *Photo by Emily Stonehouse.*

Ingoldsby celebrates Canada's 150th

The recent Ingoldsby Celebrates Canada 150 event was a huge success, according to organizers. "We had great crowds and displays, and we even had the young and the old. One lady, Chris, has just turned 103," said organizers Marj Andre and Mary McCrae. "We believe we were successful at bringing a part of this community together." Pictured below: Cottagers of all ages attended the celebrations. *Photo submitted.*



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Andrea Hammond, a 25-year-old racer with ties to Haliburton Lake, stands next to her boat at the third annual Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races. Photo by Mark Arike.

Rookie TORC racer makes an impact

By Mark Arike

Andrea Hammond grew up around dirt bikes and ATVs. She also familiarized herself with the outboard powerboat racing circuit—and knew from an early age she wanted to be part of it.

Last year, she made her debut at the second annual Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races on Head Lake. Despite being a novice racer, she earned a first and third place finish, and was awarded the rookie of the year by the Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC) for her first season.

It's my favourite thing out of everything. The adrenaline from it is awesome.

Andrea **Hammond**
Powerboat racer

"I always just wanted to do it," said the 25-year-old in an interview at the third annual event on Saturday. "Wes was in it first and we've had friends that have been in it for years."

Her younger brother, Wes, who is now 21, began racing competitively when he was 17. Their mother, Barb Hammond, helped bring the races to Haliburton and organizes the event each year.

They both grew up spending summers

on Haliburton Lake and continue to visit their parents throughout the year.

In outboard powerboat racing, racers zip around an oval-shaped track, reaching speeds up to 85 mp/h. (Hammond's boat maxes out at 53 mp/h.) There are many different classes, including runabout and hydroplane boats.

Hammond gets a rush from hitting the water at high speeds with other racers around her.

"It's my favourite thing out of everything. The adrenaline from it is awesome," she said.

She also enjoys the racing environment and finds everyone friendly.

Hammond admits it's a male dominated sport—but that's why winning is "a little sweeter," she laughed.

Her goal last weekend was to win and finish with high points. She came in fifth place on Saturday and fourth on Sunday in the AXSH class. Wes, who raced in four classes, had a first place finish and three second place finishes.

When she's not racing, Hammond works as a behaviour consultant in Whitby and lives in Uxbridge.

She encourages other adrenaline enthusiasts to look into trying it out "because it's a cool sport."

"Everyone is very supportive," she said. "We're all very competitive, but we're also the same people that are willing to jump in the water and pull you back out."

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Highlander sports



Swing batter, batter

A young player connects with a ball Aug. 21, as kids baseball continues in Minden again this summer. More than 200 kids are in the minor ball league, on 19 teams. They play Monday nights from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the fields adjacent to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Centre. *Photo by Lisa Gervais.*

Group serves up tennis sportsmanship award

On Aug. 8, the Haliburton tennis group held a lunch at Haliburton Highlands Brewing. Jeff Papiez and Greg Freeman were presented with the sportsmanship award 2017 for their enthusiastic contribution to Haliburton tennis. They are pictured with previous year's recipients. Pictured, from L-R, front row: Art Ouelette, Jeff Papiez, Greg Freeman, Ilsemarie Tarte and Glen Scully. Back row, L-R, Jack Virgin, Jim Freure and Ray Issacs. *Photo by Barbara Hall. (Lisa Gervais).*



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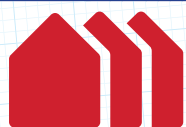
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Paramedicine program gets boost from province

By Mark Arike

A successful funding application has made it possible for a new community paramedicine program in Haliburton County this fall.

Staff at Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) and Haliburton County Paramedic Service (HCPS) recently learned they will receive \$127,000 from the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to help frail seniors live at home longer and reduce emergency room visits.

"It's certainly exciting news," said Tim Waite, chief and director of HCPS, in an interview.

"It was fairly competitive from what we understand from colleagues who applied," added Stephanie MacLaren, director of Community Support Services, a division of HHHS. "We feel very fortunate."

Waite and MacLaren completed the application, which was submitted to the

LHIN at the beginning of June. County council endorsed the application.

The LHIN received seven proposals but only two were approved, according to Waite. The other successful applicant was the Hong Fook Mental Health Association in Scarborough, confirmed Christine Dainty, manager of communications for the Central East LHIN. She didn't elaborate on how much money they will get, but said more details will emerge in a press release.

In Haliburton County, the grant will fully fund the program. It includes base funding for a full-time paramedic with full benefits, and training and travel costs. There is some one-time funding for equipment purchases. Three paramedics will be trained to fill the role, said Waite in a report.

When the program rolls out mid-to-late October, the paramedic will provide wellness and safety checks at the homes of clients of HHHS's Geriatric Assessment



From left, Dave Bonham, board chair of HHHS; Tim Waite, chief and director of Haliburton County Paramedic Service; Carolyn Plummer, CEO of HHHS; Stephanie MacLaren, director of Community Support Services; and Brent Devolin, warden of Haliburton County and reeve of Minden Hills. Photo by Mark Arike.

and Intervention Network (GAIN). For example, they will do blood pressure and heart rate monitoring, and ensure clients are taking their medication and have adequate food. They will also assess the home for falls risks.

"We expect that by utilizing the full scope of the paramedic skill set we will be able to reduce complications and crisis that arise and result in ER visits and hospital admissions. It is a proactive approach to wellness," said Waite.

Both groups will be doing "extensive community outreach and education" on the

program in the coming months, according to a news release.

The program and the partnerships that have been formed are integral to the development of a rural health hub, said HHHS Carolyn Plummer.

"We're really excited about it," she said.

This is the second time funding has been made available for a paramedicine program. In 2014, the county received \$85,000 from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for a trial run. But it failed due to a lack of referrals.

County Warden Brent Devolin looks forward to the launch of the program and hopes it will lead to "something permanently we can do." For the last 10 years, LHINs have looked after planning, funding and integrating health services. The Central East LHIN covers a large area that includes more than 11 per cent of Ontario's population.



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Local cycling advocate Pamela Marsales after her first ride on a fat bike in 2013. Photo by Mike McLaughlin.

Connect with Haliburton County's rail trail

By Mark Arike

Pamela Marsales and Ute Wright want to reach out to cottagers and summer visitors who are familiar with rail trails, community trails and bike paths in other areas.

They also want to hear from cyclists who have ventured onto the Haliburton County Rail Trail only to be discouraged by their experience.

To bring these minds together, they will host Rail Trail 101, an event at the Haliburton Highlands Museum on Aug. 28.

"We haven't really connected with the summer visitors around the rail trail," said Marsales, who along with Wright co-founded Friends of the Haliburton County Rail Trail and the Toronto to Algonquin Greenway (TAG).

"We'd like to connect with them and exchange ideas and information," she said.

The event, which runs from 5:30-9 p.m., will feature a panel of individuals who are knowledgeable about the rail trail and have travelled routes in other parts of the world.

"Each individual will be able to answer a variety of questions to do with the rail trail," said Marsales.

In its first incarnation, the rail trail served as a railway line for 100 years, between 1878 and 1978. For the

last 13 years, it's been a multi-use trail for motorized and non-motorized users. It stretches 34 km between Haliburton and Kinmount, and is owned by the County of Haliburton.

The local rail trail was the inspiration for TAG, a more than 400 km hike, bike and paddle route including 30 communities between Toronto and Algonquin Park. It officially launched in the spring of 2013, but continues to be a work in progress.

With fat bikes (an off-road bicycle with oversized tires) being quite popular, Marsales would like to make cyclists aware of the optimal sections of the trail. In recent years, she's heard stories about their frustrations. For example, a stretch between Donald and Lochlin, just nine km outside of Haliburton village, contains very sandy soil, making it challenging for users. It's been described as "little Egypt," she said.

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Casman Kupovics shows off his firefighter knowledge Aug. 9 during the Make it Minden firefighters open house. The final event of Make it Minden 2017 is the Time Travellers at Kawartha Dairy Aug. 31. Photo by Jennifer Hughey.

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Smooth sailing for TORC races

By Mark Arike

Although the weather wasn't ideal Aug. 19, the third annual Haliburton Outboard Powerboat Races went off without a hitch. The two-day event was held at Head Lake during the weekend.

"The weather didn't really affect us a whole lot," said coordinator Barb Hammond. "We had a few delays, but we were able to keep racing."

Sunday, however, was sunny and warm.

Close to 90 racers, including some from the U.S., brought their boats and teams to town for the Toronto Outboard Racing Club's (TORC) last event of the season. The races were sanctioned by the Canadian Boating Federation.

There weren't any accidents or crashes to report.

"No flips, no injuries, nothing," said Hammond. "It was a very safe racing weekend."

Last year, a racer from Ohio was

airlifted to hospital after crashing with a fellow competitor.

Once again, the event was a fundraiser for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and the Haliburton Lions Club. A raffle brought in \$1,000 for the auxiliary, some of which came directly from racers.

"TORC hopes to make a further donation to the auxiliary," said Hammond.

The Lions Club hosted a barbecue with the help of Camp Kirk's campers. The camp, which is located in Kirkfield, is owned by the Lions Clubs Camp Kirk Foundation of District A-16. A portion of the food sales will be donated to the camp.

The event had 40 sponsors and several volunteers were involved.

Hammond plans to bring the event back to Haliburton next year. She said she submitted her annual request to Dysart council Aug. 21.



Pictured top: Racers speed around the oval track on Head Lake on Saturday. Some boats reached speeds of 85 mp/h. Middle left: Racers make their way back to shore. Middle right: A competitor plugs his ears while watching the action from Head Lake Park. Above: Camp Kirk's campers and staff help with the Lions' Club barbecue. Photos by Mark Arike.

Highlander events



No hole-in-ones but plenty of winners

A fortunate weather window and a great turnout at the Haliburton Highlands Golf Course Aug. 12 made the 13th annual Jack Gorin Memorial Golf Tournament an exciting day for two hole-in-one contests ... one for a trip for two to Las Vegas, sponsored by "Pib Insurance," and the other for \$10,000, sponsored by Haliburton Foodland. Although there were some close calls, there were no lucky winners again this year. The 2017 champs, from left to right, Beryl Gorin (presenter), Ron Wright, Spin Kranc, Dave Bogart, and Dave Kowaluk. *Photo submitted.*



New bingo board on the horizon

On Aug. 19, Wilberforce Legion president John Glassey presented a \$1,000 cheque to Cindy Baumhour and Ross A. Covert of the Harcourt Community Centre for a new bingo board. *Photo submitted.*



The Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers have donated a beautiful hand-hooked rug to the Minden Legion. *Photo submitted.*

Minden Legion News

Upcoming Events – Friday, Aug. 25, karaoke with Fred and Linda 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 Highlands Trio benefit performance for the food bank 1-4 p.m. Food available, donations at door. Unfortunately, due to time conflicts, this Saturday's meat draw has been cancelled. The Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers donated a beautiful hand-hooked rug to our branch. Come and see it on display at the branch. The draw will be held in December, but get your tickets early. They are \$5 each or three for \$10. We also have our monthly restaurant draw. This month's restaurant is the Heather Lodge, tickets are three for \$5. Draw to take place Aug. 31.

Did you know? Canada had a top secret spy school called Camp X. It was located on a wooded 110-hectare site on the northwestern shores of Lake Ontario near Whitby. The camp was run by Britain's Strategic Operations Executive (SOE)

One of its roles was to train Americans in intelligence gathering, but it could not do so on American soil, because the United States had not yet entered the war. It opened on Dec. 6, 1941. The location was chosen with a great deal of thought. It was a remote site on the shores of Lake Ontario, yet only 30 miles straight across the lake from the United States. It was ideal for bouncing radio signals for Europe, South America, and of course between London and the BSC Headquarters in New York. The choice of the site also placed the camp only five miles from Defence Industries Limited, currently the town of Ajax. For further information, contact The Legion Magazine www.legionmagazine.com Next month will feature Legion Week with our annual Decoration Day service. We will have more information in future columns. Please remember, everyone is welcome at our branch. Telephone 705-286-4541. Follow us on Facebook.

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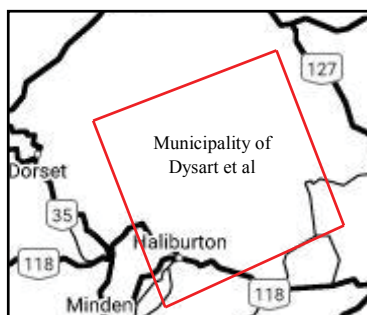
Innovative learning at local libraries

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NOTICE OF PROJECT COMMENCEMENT CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT Municipality of Dysart et al Septage Management Study

The Municipality of Dysart et al initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to establish the preferred approach for providing septage and holding tank waste disposal services to the residents of the Municipality. Phase 1 & 2 of the study are progressing to evaluate the alternatives to manage septage and holding tank waste within the Municipality. From this initial evaluation, the study will progress as a Schedule C assessment.



Public and agency consultation is vital to the success of this study. To ensure those interested in this project have an opportunity to provide input to the study, the first Public Information Centre (PIC) will be held as per the details noted below:

Public Information Centre (#1)

Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017
Time: 6:30pm – 9pm
Location: Haliburton Legion
719 Mountain St.
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Comments Invited

You are encouraged to attend the PIC to provide your comments so that they may be included in the study. Comments received throughout the course of the assessment will be considered in selecting the preferred alternative. Following the PIC comments will be received until September 25, 2017.

Please contact either of the following if you wish to be added to the mailing list or if you have any questions or comments, or wish to obtain information about the project:

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Forest Festival 2017



Forest Festival returns with a bang

By Mark Arike

Magical outdoor concerts on Bone Lake and intimate performances in a historic logging museum left audiences in awe this past weekend.

By all accounts, the five-day Forest Festival was a smash hit.

"I couldn't be happier with how everything went," said festival manager Lesley English.

"I've heard no negative feedback."

The 10th festival opened on Aug. 16 with Buffy Sainte-Marie and Annie Sumi. About 450 people attended the show, held at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre. Once again, Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo closed the festival with his trio. Six hundred people packed

the amphitheatre for the concert this past Sunday.

The festival was on hiatus last year, but didn't seem to have a problem picking up from where it left off. There were a few unforeseen hiccups, one of which was having to relocate the Jimmy Rankin concert from the amphitheatre to the Logging Museum due to bad weather. The artists adjusted and had no problem delivering.

"Our artists were super professional," English said.

Both venues are on property owned by the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve.

The lineup for the 2018 festival will be announced next spring.

Pictured top: Jim Cuddy of Blue Rodeo closes the festival with his trio. *Photo by Emily Stonehouse.* Middle left: Canadian legend Buffy Sainte-Marie proves she's still got it at the age of 76. *Photo by Mark Arike.* Middle right: The audience gives Annie Sumi a round of applause at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre. *Photo by Mark Arike.*

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SEPTIC RE-INSPECTION PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

DATE: Saturday August 26th, 2017

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Dorset Recreation Centre
1051 Main Street, Dorset, On

The Township of Algonquin Highlands and WSP invite you to attend an information session regarding the upcoming Septic Re-Inspection Program. The "Septic Social" is an information session that will allow residents to meet directly with the WSP Project Team to familiarize themselves with the inspection process. The information session will also allow WSP to address questions related to the Septic Re-Inspection Program. To contact WSP directly, please email the Project Team at Algonquin Highlands. info@wsp.com or by calling us at 905-750-3080, or toll-free at 1-800-263-7419 (in Canada only).

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Minden Pride's Sinclair Russell, with MP Jamie Schmale at Monday's flag-raising. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

Minden celebrates inclusiveness

By Lisa Gervais

Minden Pride is continuing, with another three events before the week-long festivities come to an end.

There'll be a tea dance Aug. 26, 4-8 p.m. at Grill on the Gull. And, Aug. 27 features a loud and proud church service at 12.30 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon Ave., followed by the finale - the pride picnic, 1-4 p.m. at the Wild Swan, 65 Invergordon Ave.

There will be food, children's games and music, featuring Hellfire Hal & the Hottub Hussies, Cassidy Glecoff and Sheri Hawkins & the Pride Players in a show produced by Hawkins.

On Monday (Aug. 21), celebrations began as a large

crowd turned up for the rainbow flag raising outside of the township office, followed by a social at UpRiver Trading.

This was followed by a chair's reception and meet and greet at Boshkung Social on Aug. 23.

Resident Sinclair Russell, who spearheaded the first Minden Pride in 2016 is front and centre at this year's events once again, but backed by a large committee that comprises young and old.

MP Jamie Schmale, MPP Laurie Scott and County Warden and Minden Reeve Brent Devolin all spoke at Monday's flag-raising while residents signed a guestbook and a rainbow flag.



100 Women continue to care

100 Women Who Care Haliburton County continues to raise money for local charities. At their third meeting, they raised \$4,400, choosing to donate to the Pregnancy Care and Family Support Centre this time around. 100 Women Who Care representative Joan Featherstone presented the proceeds to the centre's board of director chair Geri Woudstra and executive director Julie Goodwin on Aug. 11. To date, the group has raised \$11,800 during three, one-hour meetings. 100 Women Who Care welcomes new members. Their next meeting is Wednesday, Nov. 29 at the Dominion Hotel in Minden. Registration is 6:30 p.m. for a 7 p.m. meeting. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

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OBITUARIES



Gordon Jones

(Resident of Minden, Ontario)

Born June 12, 1926 and died peacefully with his family by his side at Highland Crest Nursing Home in Minden on Monday August 21, 2017 at the age of 91. Beloved husband of the late Ada Jones (nee

Henry). Loving father of Paul (Jennifer). Loved grandfather of Adrienne (Darren) and Hannah (Colin). Predeceased by his parents Owen and Ellen Jones, his brothers Morris, Rowatt, his sisters Elva Morrison and Amie Campbell. Survived by his sister-in-law Vera Jones and his brother-in-law Ray Campbell, many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

- File No. PLSRA2016052:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 13, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9998, registered July 4, 2017.
- File No. PLSRA2017006:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bow Lake, lying in front of Lots 19 & 20, Concession 3; and Lot 19, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10000, registered July 10, 2017.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, August 31, 2017** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard and, if deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed.

ANY PERSON wishing to comment on the proposed closing and sale is requested to submit comments to the undersigned or e-mail iclending@mindenhill.ca.

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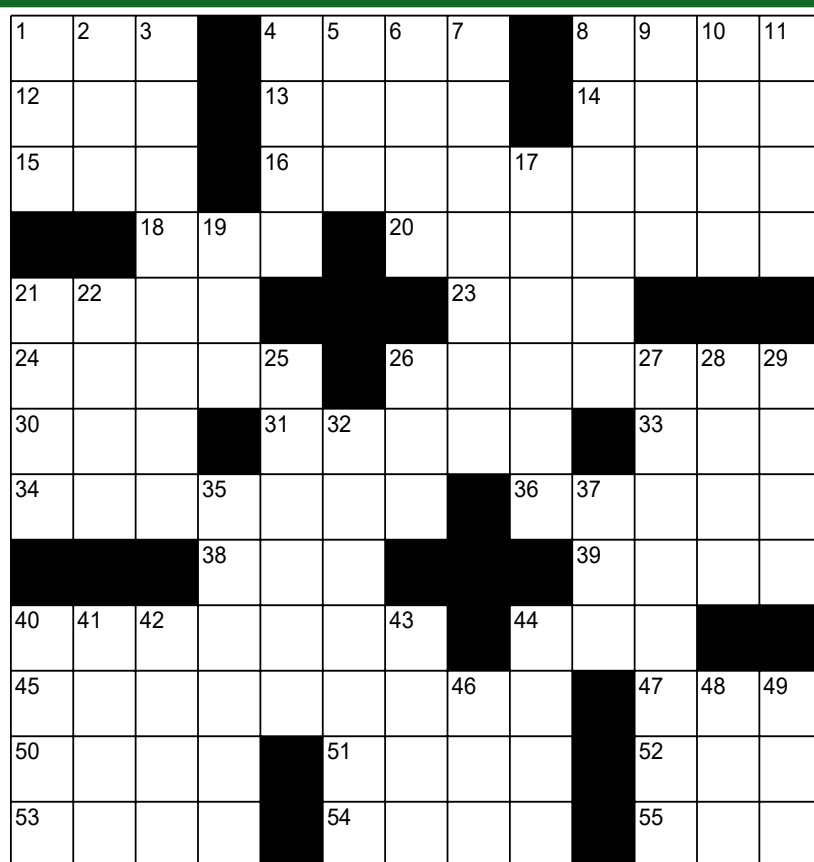
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Ted is survived by his wife Glenna Koehler, son Kevin Koehler, daughter-in-law Susan-Blanche Chato, daughter Karen Koehler, and son-in-law Rob Sargent. Also survived by his siblings Ken and Barb Koehler, Tim and Lynn Koehler, Kit and Len Pizzey, Ray Koehler and Manuel Said. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Ted developed an interest in music early in life through exposure to school band music and piano lessons.

From the young age he participated in family camping, often at rental cottages in the lake-country north of Toronto. He later found himself assisting the family in building their own cottage. The family had also done numerous long-distance trips by car, a pattern which persisted throughout his later life. Ted had a fascination with all things mechanical including musical instruments, trucks, trains, farm machinery, boats, cars and airplanes. Over the years he had activities that tied into many of these interests.


He pursued a co-op Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree at GMI in Flint, Michigan, and MBA from University of Western Ontario. He and Glenna married in 1966, and settled in Montreal to raise their family. From that time they did most activities together (especially travel and choral singing). He and Glenna were active members of churches near where they lived through the years including St. Laurent Presbyterian, Roxboro United, Beaconsfield United (all of Montreal), Simcoe St., United (Oshawa) and Zion United (Carnarvon).

In his later working years he renovated the family's cottage to be a four season home. After retirement Glenna and himself moved into the renovated cottage and enjoyed fairly extensive travel with a truck and trailer. These travels took them as far south as Colorado and New Mexico, as far north as Alaska, the North West Territories, west to Vancouver Island (again - done earlier with the entire family) and east to PEI and Newfoundland.


Ted got along well with his neighbours and would easily strike up conversations with people in his travels. He was a guy who would make a friend and keep in touch with them for years. He had great sense of humour and loved to make his children, family and friends laugh.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Ted's Life will be held at the Zion United Church, East Road, Carnarvon on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Education Centre at the church. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Zion United Church or to the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of
Dolores Althea MacGregor (nee Russell)
Passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at the age of 84.

Beloved wife of Mac. Dear mother of Russell Gardner (predeceased), Tom Gardner, Nancy and her husband Rick Lowes. Loving grandma of Taylor, Jory, Jared, Candace (Matt), Robert and great grandma to Mason. Fondly remembered by Don and Doris McGuire and by her family and friends.


It was Dolores wish for cremation and a Private Family Graveside Service at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Wednesday, August 30th, 2017-Last Names G-N
2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – *closed 4:30-5:30*

Thursday, Aug 31st, 2017-Last Names O-Z
2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – *closed 4:30-5:30*

Note: Outstanding textbooks and library books/fines must be paid prior to registration.

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SCHOOL COUNCIL
The General Meeting for School Council will be held on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seminar Room at the High School. Elections will take place after the General Meeting
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The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) currently has an exciting opportunity available for an energetic individual to join the GAIN team!

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The successful candidate will be a Registered Dietitian in good standing with the Ontario College of Dietitians and preferably have a minimum of 3 years clinical experience in geriatrics. The RD will be visiting clients in home and clinic, and to facilitate the home visits, must have a valid driver's license and access to a reliable vehicle. **Additional information about this position is available at hhhs.ca/careers.**

If you are interested in joining our team for the above position, please submit your resume by August 27, 2017 to:

Haliburton Highlands Health Services
c/o Human Resources
Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0
hr@hhhs.ca
Fax: 705-457-4609

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What's on



AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2017 • EVENT LISTINGS

August 21 – 27

Minden Pride Week – see mindenhills.ca/calendar for more information on events going on all week.

Thursday August 24

10 a.m. – 12 noon – Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's "Teddy Bear Picnic", at the Dahl Forest. Ramble and sing your way through the forest with singer/songwriter David Archibald!. Admission by donation. Please register online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

12:10 – 12:50 p.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest, "Curator's Selection," free guided tour. Meet at the info kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton. haliburtonsculptureforest.ca/guided-tours

6 – 7 p.m. – Dorset family soccer night, at the field by the pavilion. Drop-in free, equipment provided. 705-766-9968.

8 – 9 p.m. – Wolf Howl at the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve. Admission by donation, supporting scientific research being conducted at the Forest. 1-800-631-2198, haliburtonforest.com/events/event-calendar

Friday August 25

12 noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Camarvon, at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall, 1095 North Shore Rd. (Until Oct 6th)

7 p.m. to dusk – Music by the Gull, weekly until Labour Day.

Saturday August 26

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market and Artisans Market, Minden (in the parking lot of the municipal buildings) each Saturday until Oct 7.

4 – 7 p.m. – Harold MacIntyre in the Clubroom of the Haliburton Legion. \$5 cover charge for non-members, 50/50 draw at 6 p.m., \$6 for a delicious ladies auxiliary meal.

7 p.m. – Kash Bash, at Haliburton Hockey Haven sports camp. Come enjoy a night out, meet new neighbours on the lake. For more info email Kirsten at social@lko.ca or Gary at president@lko.ca.

Sunday August 27

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. – 10th annual Garlic Festival, at Abbey Gardens. \$2 admission for adults, kids are free. Local fresh garlic, preserves, baked goods, local artisans, workshops and demos, and more!

Tuesday August 29

10 – 11:30 a.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest, free guided tour. Meet at the info kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton. haliburtonsculptureforest.ca/guided-tours

12 noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Head Lake Park, Haliburton. (until Oct 3rd)

7 – 8 p.m. – The Buzz About Bees, at Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve. Free admission. 1-800-631-2198.

Wednesday August 30

9 – 10 a.m. – Free yoga classes for those 55+ at Oxtongue Lake Community Centre. Space is limited, register at 705-787-1996.

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Line Dancing, at A.J. LaRue Arena, Haliburton, 2nd floor. Join us every Wednesday morning, beginners welcome. \$3/class. Contact Charlene 705-457-3985.

12:10 – 12:50 p.m. – Haliburton Sculpture Forest, "Curator's Selection," free guided tour. Meet at the info kiosk in the parking lot of Fleming College, Haliburton. haliburtonsculptureforest.ca/guided-tours

5 p.m. – Salsa lessons at the Haliburton Forest, every Wednesday at the seminar building. No registration required, come when you can. Admission by donation.

6:30 – 8 p.m. – Community drum circle, every Wednesday at Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, 23 York St.

Thursday August 31

10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Line Dancing at Stanhope Firefighters Hall, North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands. Call Christine for more information 705-646-0387.

6:30 p.m. – Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers at Kawartha Dairy, Minden.

8 – 9 p.m. – Wolf Howl at the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve. Admission by donation, supporting scientific research being conducted at the Forest. 1-800-631-2198, haliburtonforest.com/events/event-calendar

Friday September 1

12 noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Camarvon, at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall, 1095 North Shore Rd. (Until Oct 6th)

Saturday September 2

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Dorset Community Garage Sale – declutter, take advantage of the rec centre's great location. \$5 to rent a table, limited availability. recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market and Artisans Market, Minden (in the parking lot of the municipal buildings) each Saturday until Oct 7.

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Haliburton Drumfest. – Family friendly activities, vendors, park procession, drum circle. Free concert at 2 p.m. See railsendgallery.com for schedule.

Monday September 4

12:15 p.m. – Learn to Line Dance - Free demo & lesson, at the Cardiff Community Centre, 2747 Monck Rd. Call to register: Elaine 613-334-2472 or Judy 705-656-3768.

Tuesday September 5

12 noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Head Lake Park, Haliburton. (until Oct 3rd)

Friday September 8

12 noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Camarvon, at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall, 1095 North Shore Rd. (Until Oct 6th)

Saturday September 9

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market and Artisans Market, Minden (in the parking lot of the municipal buildings) each Saturday until Oct 7.

10 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Quilt Show, Minden community centre, presented by Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild.

Sunday September 10

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Quilt Show, Minden community centre, presented by Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild.

1 – 5 p.m. – Coboconk Legion country jamboree and open mic. \$8/person, light lunch available.

Tuesday September 12

12 noon – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Head Lake Park, Haliburton. (until Oct 3rd)

Wednesday September 13

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – HKPR Health Unit Sexual Health Clinic, for confidential, low-cost access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. For more info, or to make an appointment: 1-866-888-4577, ext 2207.

Friday, September 15

12 – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Camarvon, at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall, 1095 North Shore Rd. (Until Oct 6th)

Saturday September 16

10 a.m. – Noon – Discovery Days: Tree Identification. Haliburton Highlands Land Trust presents expert Peter McElwain, who will take us through the trail at the Haliburton Museum to hone your tree ID skills. Admission by donation. Register at haliburtonlandtrust.ca

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers Market and Artisans Market, Minden (in the parking lot of the municipal buildings) each Saturday until Oct 7.

Tuesday September 19

12 – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers Market, Head Lake Park, Haliburton. (until Oct 3rd)

Friday, September 22

12 – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers' Market, Camarvon, at the Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall, 1095 North Shore Rd. (Until Oct 6th)

Saturday September 23

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers Market and Artisans Market, Minden (in the parking lot of the municipal buildings) each Saturday until Oct 7.

Sunday September 24

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Bark Lake Leadership & Conference Centre 1st annual Open House. Join us for an afternoon of family fun and adventure. Adults \$20, Youth 6-12 yrs \$10, Family Pass \$45 (2 adults/2 youth). See barklake.com or call 705-447-2447.

Tuesday September 26

12 – 4 p.m. – Haliburton County Farmers Market, Head Lake Park, Haliburton. (until Oct 3rd)

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION EVENTS

HALIBURTON BRANCH

Monday bridge 1p.m.

Tuesday dart league starting at 7 p.m.

Wednesday bid euchre 1 p.m. start, bingo doors open at 6 p.m., bingo starts at 7 p.m. - \$500 jackpot, \$1000 jackpot - last Wednesday of the month.

Thursday general meeting third Thursday of the month starting at 7 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.

Friday meat draw - five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets \$2 per draw ... Chester Howse, MC.

Friday fun darts - 4:30 p.m. onwards

Saturday 50/50 4 p.m. draw, tickets \$1 each from noon onwards

Sunday breakfast second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

Coming up: live entertainment featuring country music singer/guitarist Harold MacIntyre Saturday, Aug. 26, 4-7 p.m. in the Club Room. Enjoy a delicious meal for only \$6, prepared by the ladies auxiliary. \$5 cover charge for non-members. Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457- 2571, email rol129@bellnet.ca or visit haliburtonlegion.com Come on out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129 ... everyone is welcome.

MINDEN BRANCH (summer events)

General meeting first Wednesday of the month. Bid euchre Tuesdays at 1 p.m., regular euchre Thursdays at 7 p.m. Mixed darts Thursdays and Friday nights at 7 p.m. Fred & Linda's karaoke every second Friday starting Aug. 11 at 7:30 p.m. (Next taking place Friday, Aug. 25). Saturday, Aug. 26, 1-4 p.m., The Highlands Trio doing a benefit concert for flood relief. Food available. Donations at the door. Lunches Monday to Thursday noon to 2 p.m. Liver Lovers special Tuesday. Daily special every day \$8. Friday fish and wings with fries or onion rings noon to 2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday noon meat draw. Now open Saturday and Sunday. Barbecue Saturday noon-2 p.m. and meat draw at 2 p.m. Sunday sports day.

WILBERFORCE BRANCH

Aug. 25 Wing night, 6:30 - 9 p.m. Jam session 7:30 p.m.

Aug. 26 Meat draw 2 p.m. - early bird 3 p.m. sharp.

Aug. 28 Bid euchre 7 p.m. Beginners welcome.

Aug. 30 Fun darts 7:30 p.m.



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What's on



The annual Garlic Festival attracts hundreds of visitors. *File photo.*

A decade of delivering fresh garlic in the Highlands

By Mark Arike

It might be hard to believe, but this Sunday will mark the 10th annual Garlic Festival.

"It's very heartwarming to know how well the garlic association and its garlic fest are being welcomed every year," said Sheila Robb, president of the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association (HCGGA).

Robb and her late husband, Charlie, founded the festival. It got its start on the property next to Camarvon's bowling alley, which burned down in 2013. There were 12 vendors and exhibitors, and about 500 people attended.

That led to a few garlic growers joining forces to form the HCGGA, an unincorporated, non-profit organization.

The festival was held in Camarvon for its first six years before relocating to the grounds of the Stanhope Community Centre. It stayed there for two years before moving once again, in 2016, to Abbey Gardens in West Guilford.

"Last year was a trial run [at Abbey Gardens]," said Robb. "It worked well and we learned some lessons. A lot of things have been ironed out."

A total of 22 vendors (seven garlic vendors and 15 other vendors) will set up next to the Food Hub. In addition, Abbey Gardens will offer wagon rides and self-directed activities for children.

"It's going to be awesome," said Heather Reid, operations director for Abbey Gardens.

For garlic lovers, there will be

cooking workshops and garlic braiding demonstrations. Abbey Gardens will be selling garlic-themed food.

The non-garlic vendors will offer items such as baked goods, preserves, maple syrup and art. Members of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market have been invited to sell their fresh products as well.

It's been a good year for growers in the county so visitors can expect a "fantastic variety," said Robb.

"Garlic vendors seem to have a good harvest, regardless of the terrible weather we've had to put up with."

The event draws serious garlic enthusiasts as well as those who are curious and might be interested in growing for themselves. But everyone is welcome.

"We're always looking to get people in who are curious," she said.

Volunteers from the HCGGA and the staff at Abbey Gardens work together to make it all happen. It's a win-win partnership, points out Robb. There are visitors who have been to Abbey Gardens before but never experienced the festival and vice versa. This allows them to see what they've been missing.

"It's a great joint venture," she said.

New this year is an admission fee of \$2 per adult. Children are admitted for free. Parking is on the grounds of Abbey Gardens but is further away from the vendors than last year.

The day goes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more details, visit haliburtongarlic.ca or go to the HCGGA's Facebook page.



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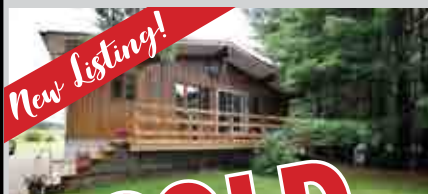
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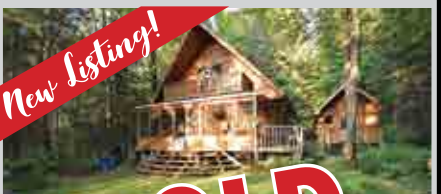
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